

Interesting News From Sexsmith

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SEXSMITH HOCKEY TEAMS BEAT GRANDE PRAIRIES

Two of Grande Prairie's hockey teams paid a visit to Sexsmith on Sunday last. Senior and Junior, with the result that the Homebrows got the long end of the score in both games. The Senior game was the first to be played, ending with a score of 5 to 1 for Sexsmith. At times both teams were lulled to sleep a little, but the referee, Fred McNaughton, who made them play hockey by handing out several penalties for infractions of the rules. However, notwithstanding this, the best of feeling was displayed amongst the players.

In the Junior game, the score was 4 to 1 in favor of the home team. Bob Walker should have scored a shut-out, as the one lone goal was shot from center ice and was one of those kind that just dribbled in, the puck barely touching the back of the net—some of those kind that is just as much of a surprise to the one who shot it as it is to the goalie. However, there are no allies.

The Grande Prairie boys seemed to be good skaters and stick handlers, but just could not budge the twine. Percy Burns, who played for the home team appeared to be a little faster than the one who shot it. Jack Hall on defense was always there when it came to breaking up rushes.

DRONE OF PLANE AWAKENS THOUGHTS OF SPRING

Jack News was up in his plane last Monday afternoon, the first time of the season. The familiar drone of the engine over the trees makes one believe that spring is not far behind.

BILL DUNCAN HAD SEVEN-ENDER

The first square draw of the Curling Club is just about finished, with some risks winning quite a few games, and others not so much.

This week a double knock-out contest will be staged, all risks being entered.

Bill Duncan had the honor of having a seven-ender last week, one of the rare things which you generally read about in the paper but hardly ever see.

SMOKY HEIGHTS

LADIES' CLUB MEETING

SMOKY HEIGHTS, Jan. 28.—The Ladies Club held their monthly meeting in the schoolhouse on January 3. Some things were done in from Edmonton were distributed to Mrs. Edmondson. A short meeting was held. The treasurer's report was read and showed a small balance on hand after Christmas treats and presents were bought for children.

LOSE HORSES

Mr. Tom Fogle had the misfortune to lose a good horse, Mr. Charles Halstead, also a horse, which is three he has lost this winter.

Mr. Tom Fogle started out to saw wood, but the weather turned so cold he decided to wait until it moderated a little.

Mr. Elmer Tink had the misfortune to freeze a toe while on his trap line.

RATEPAYERS' MEETING HELD

The annual ratepayers' meeting was held January 21, in the schoolhouse. A short business session was held. Mr. Fred Abbott's term as trustee has expired, and the vacancy was filled by Mr. John Hansen, who was elected by acclamation. The trustees are Messrs. Clifford, Rehm, Wm. Tink, John Hansen.

Mr. Calvin Hoag visited at Webber on Sunday last.

Mr. Lucienne Choquet visited with Rycoffs Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Foster is back in the district after spending the Christmas holidays in Sexsmith.

Calvin and Harry Hoag are wintering at head of Lake of the Peace. Mr. J. Platt, Art Weatherly and Fred Nebitt drove the cattle over across the river.

Mr. Tom Fogle and Mr. Harry Hoag visited Sunday last at R. F. Peterson and J. Platt's across the river.

ENILDA NEWS

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

ENILDA, Jan. 28.—Members of the Young Timbers Club are putting on a dance on St. Valentine's Day.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Enilda school district's annual meeting was held last Saturday.

Mr. Austell was elected as the new trustee and the trustees elected Mr. De Winter chairman.

Those at the meeting were informed that another school was needed. Another meeting will be called later to discuss the matter. There are over forty children in the school at present.

Mrs. P. Atkins and her little son, returned to her home in Salt Prairie Sunday afternoon.

Miss B. Gedy is visiting friends in Lethbridge, but is expected home sometime next week.

HALCOURT NEWS

DON'T FORGET, BALMINGTON CLUB DANCE AT HALCOURT, FEB. 8

Don Williams and his orchestra.

DANCE HIO, GRANDE HALL, FEB. 15

Tom Williams and his orchestra.

SEEN AND HEARD

Wyndam says that there is another "powder plot" down in the mine.

DANCE AND ICE CARNIVAL TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 22-23

In last week's paper we mentioned that a dance and ice carnival would be held in Sexsmith under the joint auspices of the Women's Institute and the Curling Club on February 15 and 16. This is just one week too soon, and these events will be held on Friday night, February 22, and Saturday, February 23.

A fancy dress dance will be held in the Grand Theatre after the show, for which substantial prizes will be given for best costumes. This dance will start at 10 p.m. and there will be considerable novelties introduced.

On Saturday the ice carnival will start at 1 p.m. with children in fancy dress also racing. There will be a Junior hockey match in the afternoon, and a Senior hockey match in the evening. In addition to this, there will be a novelty curling contest in the curling rink, and the curling of this is we do not know at present, but it is anything less previous ones will be well worth the price of admission alone.

There will be refreshment stands serving hot dogs, sandwiches, cake, doughnuts, coffee, etc.

Do not forget the dates, February 22 and 23.

SCENIC HEIGHTS

SCHOOL RE-OPENED

SCENIC HEIGHTS, Jan. 28.—Sixteen scholars turned out to school on Monday, January 21, for the opening day this term, under 30° below zero weather. Some arrived by means of an ice road, heated cabins. This seems to be ideal way for children who have a long drive to come to school in the cold weather. It is a move in the right direction if more of the parents could arrange such conveyances for their children and from school. If the heater is thought dangerous by some, the cany windroad would be the more, but a great help and add materially to the children's comfort.

HOLIDAY SUITED WEATHER

Whether or not the school boys knew that a lightly cold spell was in store for us when they lengthened the Christmas holiday to a month—this year we do not know. However, we hope that the slight cold weather, over now and that it won't interfere with the school attendance.

RINK PROBLEM

A skating rink, especially one of the open-type, is something like a high wire act that the work is done in the "making," but requires continued maintenance. This is most forcibly brought home when we see it completely snowed under.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING HELD

The annual school meeting of Big Horn school district was held in the schoolhouse on Saturday afternoon of January 12. The ratepayers were very much represented at the meeting and the usual business was completed. The retirement of E. H. Keith from the trustees board pointed a long period of his efficient service. In capacity as chairman of the board Mr. Keith has served for many years, to the entire satisfaction of all. He has always given reality of his own energy to a task that brings no remuneration, and particularly in times of stress, very often, little thanks or appreciation.

N. B. Edgar was elected as the new trustee.

PEOPLE BECOME RADIO FANS

Whether or not it was the hockey broadcast last week, or the radio quotations or news flashes, it is not for me to say, but evidently quite a number of our district people have become radio-minded. The latest to install new radios are Gordon Edgar, H. Doel and N. B. Edgar, while Mr. Powell headed this list by a few weeks. We are all agree that the entertainment afforded the rural population by means of the radio is the very greatest asset to any home.

HOME FROM U.F.A. CONVENTION

Mr. Powell and Hugh Doel have returned from Calgary, where they attended the U.F.A. convention. An account of the convention will probably be given at the next local meeting.

CALLED TO COAST BY DEATH OF MOTHER

For the past few weeks Wm. Henn and his sister Mrs. Jack Carter, have been at Vancouver, where they were called by a wire informing them of the death of their mother, who was well known in the district. The sympathy of the community is extended to their bereavement.

Adley Carter will probably finish his grade eight in Grande Prairie. This will be a decided advantage for Adley, as it will allow him to continue his music course more conveniently.

Mr. Howlett has returned from his home in southern Saskatchewan, where he spent the Christmas holidays, and has again resumed duties at Big Horn.

DANCE POSTPONED

With snow still falling heavily on Friday and roads all filled in, it was decided to postpone the dance as advertised to be held at Big Horn, evening, Friday, January 25. As roads and weather seem rather uncertain at present, it is not now known the date when the dance will be held. At any rate, it is late when roads clear once again, and people have to turn out for the dance only to be disappointed, but young folks DO like a ride anyway.

GRANDE PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT AND DANCE, FEBRUARY 8

PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN IN CONNECTION WITH ALBERTA SCHOOL WEEK

In connection with Alberta School Week, the following program will be held in the Orange Hall, Sexsmith, on Wednesday, February 8, at 8 p.m.

A DEBATE—Resolved: That the home should be the basic training field for the future citizen. Speakers: Affirmative, Miss Lennell Coffin and Mrs. Mona Fairbairn; negative, Miss Elizabeth Ingram and Miss Myrtle Morrison. **AN ADDRESS**—"A Student Looks at Education," Bertha Meen. **AN ADDRESS**—"Modern Tendencies Toward Educational Reform," W. S. Waddell. There is no admission charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

APPLETON NEWS

APPLETON, Jan. 28.—Mr. S. Howlett returned Saturday after spending two weeks at Lord Borden's lumber camp northwest of Hythe.

W. M. S. ELECTIONS OFFICERS

The W. M. S. of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. S. Cleland, on Wednesday afternoon. The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Geo. A. Shields, president; Mrs. M. A. D. vice-president; Mrs. D. N. Allison, secretary; Mrs. C. D. Allison, treasurer.

The financial report showed that the ladies had a very good year and just about reached their allocation.

The ladies served a dainty lunch after the business meeting.

MAKE BEAUTIFUL QUILTS

The home of Mr. G. W. Grinnett was a hive of industry Thursday afternoon when a number of the ladies of the community met and made several beautiful quilts. The making of quilts is a work of art and the direction of Miss Pearl finished several beautiful quilts. The making of quilts is a work of art and the direction of Miss Pearl finished several beautiful quilts.

Mr. J. J. Mulligan, of the district was a visitor on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Steel.

Miss M. L. Dreyer was a business visitor to Grande Prairie on Wednesday.

Mr. Godfrey of Beaver Lodge was a Sunday visitor at the home of Mrs. G. W. Grinnett.

LOSE A HORSE

Mr. C. Volckung lost one of his grey mares last week. The animal had a leg broken. This is quite a loss to Clark.

Mr. Herb O'Brien also lost a valuable work horse last week due to a severe kick.

Mr. C. Bagnell left for Edmonton on Friday night. He will be in the Capital City for a few weeks.

Mr. R. J. Steel is confined to his home with sickness for the past week. He many friends wish him speedy recovery.

SEEN AND HEARD

Every one hoping for a soft spell. Jud and Rup throwing a few rocks and sweeping 'em up and John skipping them along.

BELLOU NEWS

A WELCOME RESPIRE BELLOU, Jan. 28.—Well the weather must have at last become a little kinder. A cold snap for the present. The people sure took benefit of the breathing, which has been a little fresh air after being penned up for weeks.

FARMERS BUSY HAULING

The farmers got busy today and took advantage also of the weather. Quite a number of them were hauling to the elevator. We hope this warm spell will stay awhile, there being quite a little of the grain to be hauled yet.

Quite a number of them are in very good shape for hauling, owing to the snow storms of last week over a foot of snow falling.

START ICE-CUTTING

Emil Haddad started to cut ice today, being assisted by Allan Archibald. They report things are not quite so cold as they were last week, but about eight inches of water on top of the ice, but the ice is very good—so you get it.

Omar, another of the ice cutters, was cutting wood in the bush. He does not know what the worst job working in the water or trying to walk around in these feet of snow. He says you get wet on both ends.

We are glad to report Chris Bankhead is around again after some days in bed with sickness.

We also hear Mrs. Houldue is not feeling very good this winter. We hope she will improve in the near future.

Mr. E. Noide is planning on taking his baby to the municipal hospital at Edmonton this week. We all join in wishing them the best of luck and hope for a successful operation.

Miss Mary Rouleau is spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. Houldue.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Let us keep in mind the social and dance on Valentine's Day, February 14.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT BY RIPLEY

Ripley taking a fall outside the post office.

Allen cording for Bobby, singing the Bum Song and several cowboy songs.

Rose and Bill taking the short end of the score in bridge every night.

The noisiest place in town, the Community Hall, when all the crowd are congregated for Badminton.

Rose having great difficulty keeping the wood fire filled with logs of time. Gladys and Oscar staying up until the "see hours of the morn."

HYTHE NEWS

MANY AT BIRTHDAY PARTY HYTHE, Jan. 28.—Judging from the crowd, Mrs. Lambert's birthday party in aid of the W. A. of the United Church was a huge success. Some people from "Valhalla" Centre took in the event.

BIG CROWD TURNS OUT

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the village of Hythe was held on Friday night in the dining room of the Donald Hotel. A large crowd attended.

Mr. A. R. McEwen was elected chairman and handled the position satisfactorily to all.

The secretary read the auditor's financial statement and then gave a detailed statement, explaining the items of the report more fully. The report was adopted without discussion.

Later on more heated discussions took place concerning the personal question of electric lighting system, but ended as usual, as nothing could be done.

The fire engine came in for some caustic remarks but these also petered out. The fire engine and dance were both enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. McQuat are getting settled in the village and have made some acquaintances.

There will be a mixed bonspiel held in the near future.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gudlaugson were Messrs. Jack Styles, Manley Hillman and Oscar Gudlaugson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drom and Patricia.

Miss Alice Fisher was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Johnson last week.

Mr. Martin Fisher visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ireland.

Mr. Dickson expects to go back to Woking soon.

Leonard Gudlaugson took Miss Rachel King to Rooney's store and she is teaching near Crooked Creek.

DEMMITT NEWS

DEMMITT, Jan. 29.—We are sorry to hear that Mr. Geo. Morton, Sr., is still quite ill. Here is wishing him a speedy recovery.

DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT, FEB. 1 The dance on Friday night, February 1, in the schoolhouse, will be a big event. The dance is being put on by the Young "Outrigger" Club.

LITERARY CLUB MEETING

On Saturday, February 2, the Literary Club will hold its regular business meeting. After the business is finished, a number of our young men will put on a musical entertainment.

WINS C. G. I. T. PIN

Miss Anne H. G. has won the lucky C. G. I. T. member to win a pin for her faithful work in the club during the past year.

WILL SHOW LANTERN SLIDES

Regular church and business meeting, also lantern slides, will be held in the schoolhouse on February 4, at 8 p.m., by the Rev. W. H. Moss of Hythe.

SCHOOL MEETING HELD

The annual school meeting was held last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was very well attended. Mr. Kupine was re-elected trustee.

Mrs. Pearl Waddell is very ill with rheumatism. Her daughter, Josephine of Grande Prairie has come to take care of her mother.

HIGH PRAIRIE

(Received by Friday's Mail) **JUNIOR U.F.A. ANNUAL MEETING** HIGH PRAIRIE, Jan. 14.—The Junior U. F. A. dance and annual meeting, held in Vets Hall on Friday night, was a successful affair, although cold weather somewhat depleted the size of the crowd.

An entirely new set of officers was elected, all from the district north of town.

A hearty vote of thanks was given Miss Ivy Savill, retiring secretary, who has kept the good of the young people of the country.

The new officers include Bill Smyke, president; Albert Godderson, vice-president; Ruth Brown, secretary; and Doris Smyke, treasurer.

The Senior U. F. A. were not able to command a quorum at their annual meeting, but an executive meeting was held and Levi Bone was nominated as delegate to the annual convention at Calgary.

Mr. Bone's first train for the familiar figure, never having missed a convention for many years.

People of High Prairie district were pleased to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spaulding, who returned last train from a three months holiday trip taken in California, and at coast cities.

Fred Thompson, who came home-staying here under the government back to the land scheme, has decided to return to Manitoba, where he has a home.

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The Hall and Kelly families, who have homesteaded in the "Banana Belt" for the past few years, are moving out to High Prairie, leaving the district deserted except for one or two families.

Ralph Martin is hauling wood for the school in High Prairie with a four-horse team.

BEAVER LODGE

ST. LUKE'S (ANGLO-CLAN) BEAVER LODGE Minister: THE REV. SIDNEY W. SEMPLE B.A., L.H.

Sunday, February 3, 11:00 a.m.—HINTON TRAIL, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe.

4:00 p.m.—APPLETON (Note the change of time)

Tuesday, February 6, 8:00 p.m.—HYTHE

HARD-TIME DANCE AT REX

An old-time hard-time dance will be held in the Rex Theatre, Hythe, on Friday, February 15. Good music, everybody come and have a good time. Anybody not dancing for hard times will be fined. Under the auspices of the L. O. B. A. Prizes. Lunch served in the hall.

LAKE SASKATOON

Hello, folks! Glad to see you out again after the intense cold snap. However, it makes us appreciate the mild weather all the more, doesn't it?

Well, let's see what has been going on around here.

A number of the Lake Saskatoon prize-winners attended the banquet in Wembley, January 25, given by the Wembley House of Trade.

The Misses Nellie and Irene Lewis of immediate are back at school again, staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hopkins.

Mr. Anderson has not recovered from his illness completely yet, but hope he soon will.

Mr. Grimmer, Irving and Elmer are going to the mill this week.

The Junior U. F. A. met at the home of Mrs. C. F. Hopkins, Saturday, January 25, speeches given by Bob Duncan and Gert Grinnard were much enjoyed by all those present.

Mr. Douglas McFarlane and his bride are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McFarlane at Cutback Lake. We wish the young couple much health and happiness.

We hear Mrs. R. Knight has been ill. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Burton Jeffrey returned from Port St. John on Friday's train.

TODAY'S GOSSIP

Have you seen Mr. Burton breaking trail for two miles on foot in order to curl?

The weather seems to have improved considerably since the return of the Calgary deluge.

Tyler says that the road from Lake Saskatoon to a farm south of town has been kept open this winter.

PEORIA NEWS

IT'S COLD AT 70 BELOW

PEORIA, Jan. 28.—Nowadays most people are staying inside the stove, and it is not much news to get to know it is cold—it was down to 70 below zero last Tuesday, and believe me, you could go to town that morning to meet the train. Good thing it was late or Mr. Wilfred Wegman would have made it.

Mr. R. Frouser also went on the same train, going to Grande Prairie. Of course, Gust is still in the country.

GIRLS GAVE BOYS A SURPRISE

The girls from the P. R. J. A. gave the boys a surprise party, held at the teacher's place, last Sabbath night. It really made a surprise on the boys, for they had made up a little program. There was plenty of lunch and some real interesting games were played. Everyone had a good time, even Ivin P.

O. L. TOFTNER RE-ELECTED

The yearly school meeting was held recently and Mr. O. L. Toftner was re-elected school secretary for the Mersey School District No. 4272.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wellman and family paid a visit to some of their friends over at Heart Valley last Sunday.

Traveling over on road is plenty tough now. The snow is almost three feet deep.

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT

The British and Foreign Bible Society, which began its work in the year 1804, reports that since that time they have distributed 443,000,000 volumes of Scripture in many different languages.

The world's population is now estimated to be 1,800,000,000, or four times what it was three centuries ago.

Alberta's first school teacher, Mr. Andrew Gibbald, was 100 years of age on November 19, 1933. Mr. A. Gibbald came West in 1875. He now resides at Banff.

In the year 1921 the United States had 39,000 bachelors, only about 10,000 of them are doing business today.

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Number 5

Spring Creek Coal

"Low in ash, but high in heat"

Price delivered in Grande Prairie:
1st Grade \$5.50 ton; 2nd grade \$4.50
Price at the mine:
1st Grade \$4.00 ton; 2nd grade \$3.00

Leave orders at Porteous Hardware

The voting week begins on February 6 and ends on February 23. No request to all poultry producers during post office hours.

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ILLUSTRATED NEWS OF THE WEEK

A SPECIAL TRIBUNE FEATURE

THE BEST OF THE WEEK'S INTERESTING NEWS PICTURES



FISCH'S FAMILY READY TO DEFEND HIM AT TRIAL

Ready to defend the character of their dead relative, Eldor Fisch, whose name has been brought into the Lindbergh case by the contention of Bruno Richard Hauptmann that he was the man who gave Hauptmann the ransom money, three members of the Fisch family are pictured leaving New York for Trenton following their arrival from Germany. Left to right: Pina, Eldor's brother; Mrs. C. Fisch, wife of Eldor's brother; and Hannah Fisch, sister of the dead man. Inset is Minna Stogin, German nurse, who attended Fisch at his last illness.



PRINCE AND COMMONER FIANCEE

Don Jaime, second son of the former King of Spain, and his fiancée, Stancina Emmanuela de Dampierre, are shown in Rome, where they will be married 1 March. The prince's bride-elect is considered to be one of the most charming women in Italy.



FIGHT TO SAVE THROATLESS BABE

Dr. P. Under is pictured in a Baltimore hospital examining little "Miss N." who was born without a throat. The baby is being fed through a rubber tube inserted in her throat while efforts are made to extend the esophagus by the grafting of living tissue. X-ray pictures revealed that the esophagus led only to the collar bone instead of the stomach.



AN EERIE BUSINESS PROSPERER

This photograph shows London's only dealer in skeletons as he adjusts one of the 100 "chassis" models. These skeletons are given to medical students as birthday presents, Christmas gifts, etc., and are shipped to all parts of the world.



AMELIA VISITS PROUD MOTHER

One of the happiest women on this continent is Mrs. Amy Otis (Edith), mother of Amelia Edith Putnam, inset, who made the first solo flight from Hawaii to California. After a short rest in Oahu and, Amelia visited her proud mother in Hollywood.

George Jihavee, 50, Dugald, Man, farmer, was instantly killed when the truck he was driving crashed into a 60-foot pole protruding from the rear of another truck.

INFANT SURVIVOR

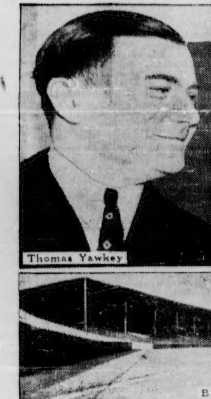
Two and a half-month-old Pricilla Stann, orphaned daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stann, American missionaries, murdered by Chinese bandits, were hidden behind blankets when her parents were captured, tortured and slain.

Stephen Leacock, Canadian humorist, was presented the Mark Twain medal awarded annually by the Mark Twain Society. Leacock is professor of economics at McGill University.

William Gillespie, Thebeson, Ontario, farmer, revealed he was investigating a report a white woman who might be his sister had been found among Indians of Lake Umbagog, near the Ontario-Manitoba boundary. Almost half a century after she disappeared on a berry-picking expedition, Maude Gillespie, the sister, disappeared 46 years ago, at the age of 12.

Some form of agricultural output restriction was an imperative need to benefit the next growing season, 12 D. Barrow, M.L.A., provincial president of the new British Columbia Chamber of Commerce, said in an address to the advertising and sales bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Total forest fires damage in British Columbia during 1934 was \$908,481, highest on record with the exception of 1925. Hon. A. Wells Gray, Minister of Lands, reported. The damage was three times greater than the previous year, and the area burned over, 540,011 acres, was more than double that of 1933.



Thomas Yawkey



Emil Fuchs

IN BATTLE OVER BOSTON FIELD

The refusal of Thomas Yawkey, left, owner of the Boston Red Sox, to permit the Boston Braves, of the National League, to use Fenway Park as the home grounds of the Braves, brought a call for a special meeting of the National League club owners to consider means of recovering the Braves Field, which is involved in a deal to transform it into a dog racing track. The possibility of a reorganization of the Braves, with the retirement of Emil Fuchs, right, as president, was reported under consideration.

Babson Discusses Townsend Plan

Some Old Age Pension Law May Be Adopted

BABSON TALK. Plan, Jan. 18.—Some readers of the Tribune have read Old Age Pension Plan as another piece of age having no criminal record. The recipient promises, under oath, that he or she will not engage in any further gainful labor and that he or she will spend the \$200 during the month within the United States. The plan is based on the theory that each person spending \$200 a month creates a job for one or more additional persons. About \$100,000 would be expected to accept the pension. Hence, Townsend adherents allege the plan would open jobs for at least 8,000,000 people under sixty.

How does Dr. Townsend propose to finance his scheme? With \$800,000,000 people receiving \$200 each a month the annual cost would be \$192,000,000,000. Townsend estimates that a "manufacturers' sales tax" of from 1% to 1.5% would be necessary to finance the plan. The \$1,000,000,000 required for the first month's operations of the pension would be raised through the usual methods of government financing. Townsend says in certain directions. For example through the elimination of present pension systems, of poorhouses, and through a sharp drop in crime costs. But in addition to

these savings, Townsend Crusaders seek to raise money when the scheme is once under way.

PROSPERITY

These people claim that their Pension Plan will end the depression abruptly and permanently. They feel that our problem today is simply to create more purchasing power and prosperity will return post-haste. With citizens obligated to spend \$10,000,000,000 a year, there will be created such a demand for all kinds of goods that the manufacturing plants will immediately be forced to operate at capacity. The sting of the financing tax will be used by our swift journey to prosperity. Some enthusiastic exponents even claim there will never be another depression—"hardship" will forever be relieved from the fear of destitution and want; and hence "the gentle sun of human happiness will dissipate the dark clouds of distrust and gloom, and despair."

Now, what are some objections to this "crazy" idea? Will there be more goods to divide? We get richer daily as we produce and save more. Young people now out of work could not replace the ability and training of those over sixty who are still producing. The burden of those now trying to earn their way and raise families would be multiplied. The Townsend Plan is really a scheme to tax those under sixty to support those over sixty who have failed or refused to be thrifty. It entirely ignores the importance of saving as a means of creating capital. Yet most of the messages which everyone has today are due to the theft and "saving for old age" of our ancestors.

IS MORALLY

DESTRUCTIVE

I also feel that Dr. Townsend's Plan, from the moral angle, is dangerous

and undermining to character. Naturally, I believe that the aged in distress should be given succor and protection. To support the aging father and mother, however, is one of the sacred duties and obligations of family life. Basically, Dr. Townsend's Plan takes no recognition of integrity, courage, and ability. It is simply another of those social panaceas which encourage shiftlessness and carelessness and which penalize industry and thrift. Industry and thrift are the basis of civilization. If we remove the incentive to work and save, we are undermining the nation.

Stripped of its masquerade clothing, the Townsend Plan is nothing more or less than inflation traveling incognito—the "sure-fire" idea to make money without doing it. If Congress should adopt to distribute \$20,000,000,000 of paper money to the public, prices of goods would go up. The cost of living would rise. Those working on salaries and wages would greatly suffer, while those depending on investments for their income might be ruined. The nation's income is measured in goods, not dollars. Raising prices does not bring prosperity. The scheme is a new frosting for the old delusion that we can spend our way back to prosperity.

PRINCIPLE OF OLD AGE SECURITY SOUND

It is not an original discovery of Dr. Townsend's that provision for the aged needs attention. Insurance companies have been attempting to make the United States "old-age-security-conscious" for years. Their statistics show that out of one hundred persons who have reached the age of sixty, only eight are financially independent. Seventy-eight are wholly or partially dependent upon their earnings, while the remaining fourteen are dependent upon charity. Naturally, in periods such as the present, the problem is more acute. So I strongly feel that there is a vital need for the enactment of some uniform old age pension system. Twenty-nine states have adopted provisions since 1909. The drive for old age security has gathered terrific momentum under Dr. Townsend's Plan and I doubt if it will be stopped short of a federal law that would make the individual must contribute a portion of his pay each week to a general pension fund. The retirement age the pensioners would be

receiving an annuity which he has purchased with his own savings rather than a public dole. This would eliminate the moral shift as well as the economic hazards of the Townsend Plan.

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East of Smoky Vets Plan In Building Their Own Hall

The usual monthly meeting of the East of the Smoky Branch was held on Friday evening, January 18, in the Community Hall. The president, George Tilly, was in the chair.

Comrades Art Tomlin and J. Riding, as auditors, presented their report, which showed the books to be in order and a very creditable sum of money on hand.

The secretary read a lengthy communication from headquarters on the proposed pilgrimage to the battlefields in 1936. We would all like to see old Vimpy once more, but it will be impossible for us all to take in the great event. The correspondence was filed for future guidance.

For some time this branch has had under consideration the desire to have a little hall of their own, and on the motion of Wm. A. Given, seconded by Dr. Nelson, a committee was named to go into the matter and report at the next meeting. Wm. Perkins was appointed chairman, with the following members: Percy Tiffin, Art Tomlin, John Riding, and Wm. G. Given.

It is wonderful what can be done when taken up in a get-to-business manner. Before the night was over Mrs. Perkins had received many offers in cash and kind, and from the enthusiastic manner in which the matter has been taken up, success should be crowned effort.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held their usual meeting at the same time and have planned on making a real veterans quilt, and they will have charge of the annual 17th of March dinner, which promises to surpass all previous ones.

As announced, the members of the Legion were to be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nowary and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Given. Although the night was extremely cold, more than fifty adults sat down to a substantial supper. A special table was provided for the boys to participate in the celebration of the Robert A. Givens' 13th birthday anniversary. The

birthday cake was very nicely decorated by Mrs. Wm. Perkins. After supper the tables were moved to make room for those who were able to enjoy a dance.

After midnight a dainty lunch was served. In order to give the orchestra a little breathing space, Mr. Johnny Riding called upon Miss Jean Warren for a recitation. Mrs. Gandy, recitation; Reg. Perkins, song; Mrs. Jack Riding, jokes and song; Mr. Dodd, band leader, entertained in his own good way; Bill Dodd, recitation; Lawrence Warren, song; Dr. Perkins, song; Dr. Nelson, song; and Comrade Geo. Tilly gave us a real ball story on traveling. Miss Riddell, piano solo; Miss Muriel Nowary and Miss Riddell, song, and the baby riding gave the last number.

The president took the platform and thanked the hosts and hostesses of the evening, which was seconded by East President A. J. McLeary, and received with the singing of "They Are Truly Good Fellows."

Mr. Nowary thanked the assembly for their kind attendance and was pleased for them all to have a good time. W. G. Given also replied and thanked the brave hearts for coming out on such a cold day.

The crowd began to thick of home around 4 a.m. and it was more than cold then. The Dodd family was traveling in real comfort with their covered wagon and a good fire inside to keep them warm.

We all had a good time, and we know the friends who came such a distance to be present. Mrs. Nowary will be on hand to most all the women folk.

Seen and heard

A certain young damsel would persist in leaving her handkerchief on the piano, and a certain young man eager to be the conveyor of it to her again.

It's wonderful how some children take after their mother.

When it comes to the getting of a cup of tea in a hurry, Mrs. Perkins would be hard to beat.

When it comes to dispiriting fowls, Rev. Robertson feels at home.

The old South African vet was feeling good and can swing a young one yet.

We thank the Doctor for the loan of some fine wood and Percy Tiffin

Reports on Sunday Schs. Presbyterian Church In P. R.

Reports submitted to the Sabbath School and Young People's Societies department of the Presbytery of Peace River from all the Presbyterian fields in the Peace River country north of the Peace, except the Riverside-High Ridge field, which has not yet reported, shows that there are five Sunday schools in that area, with a total enrollment of 144.

If to the enrollment figures are added 51 whose names are on the cradle roll, this total would be increased to 195. And it is believed that the missing Sunday schools in the Riverside-High Ridge field, from which reports have not yet been received, will bring the total enrollment for the district up to 225 or better.

The largest Sunday school in the district is Forbes Presbyterian, Grande Prairie, Rev. E. A. Wright, superintendent. This school reports having six officers and teachers, 45 pupils and a total enrollment of 51. This school raised \$5 for the missions of the Presbyterian denomination during 1934 and \$33.55 toward local school and church purposes; this made a total offering of \$38.55, highest in the Presbytery.

At two other points in the Grande Prairie district Sunday school is held in connection with the church service. At Peace River, they are at the point, Bear Lake, children's services closely related to the Sunday school lesson are held in connection with the regular services. Since there is no organized Sunday school at any of these points, they are not included in the figures given above.

Westvale—Officers and teachers, 1; pupils, 6; total for Sunday school proper, 7; grand total, 7.

Westvale—Officers and teachers, 3; pupils, 14; total in Sunday school, 17; number on the cradle roll, 15; grand total, 32.

Westvale—Officers and teachers, 3; pupils, 23; total in Sunday school, 26; number on the cradle roll, 20; grand total, 46.

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the whole story, for the reports show each Sunday school has a cradle roll and the combined total of these equals 51. And these are not included in the figures given above.

From the very nature of the case, reports are being received more slowly from the Presbyterian field north of the Peace River. The report is in from Fort St. John only, from which the reports can be obtained most easily. This school reports the following: Officers and teachers, 4; scholars, 25; total enrollment, 29. Miss Catherine Fuchs is superintendent of this Sunday school.

It is understood that there are at least four Presbyterian Sunday schools in the Peace River country north of Peace River that have not yet reported.

The enrollment figures for the four Sunday schools in Miss Grigor's field follow:

Hearts Valley—Officers and teachers, 1; pupils, 14; total in Sunday school, 15; number on the cradle roll, 15; grand total, 30.

Vanham—Officers and teachers, 3; pupils, 23; total in Sunday school, 26; number on the cradle roll, 20; grand total, 46.

Westvale—Officers and teachers, 3; pupils, 14; total in Sunday school, 17; number on the cradle roll, 15; grand total, 32.

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